International students

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Niagara Knights conquer Conestoga Condors 12-5 in hot match. See page 11.

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Earthball game raises $220

By LISA WEISS
Staff Writer

Ten teams collaborated under warm, clear skies on the Niagara College football field Oct. 23 for the Earthball competition, raising $220 for the 1991 United Way campaign.

This was the first year Niagara was introduced to the earthball competition. It proved successful after weeks of endless searching for a giant replica of the earth.

"The giant ball was difficult to find," Jon Ogryzlo, United Way campaign co-ordinator for the college, said. "We found it in Concord, N.H., and the cost was several hundred dollars. A professional development department bought the ball for us."

"Some of the teams' names were the Suburban Commandos, Kill e'm Squash 'em Knock 'em Dead, the Social Worker Kids, the Lean Mean Green Machine, MIS Missles, the Hennepin Hurlers, the Technology Tossers, the Rat Attack and the Mechanical Manufacturing students," Lucy Riolino, one of the organizers for the event, said.

The game's object was to push, throw, or roll the ball into the other team's net.

"We played from end-to-end on the field, between the goal posts, and tried to get it past the pylons without going outside of them," Mr. Ogryzlo said.

Shown are two of the 10 teams that competed in raising $220 for the 1991 United Way's first Earthball competition held on Niagara College's football field Oct. 23.

Photo by Lisa Weiss

College presidents vote for $$ freeze

By MICHELLE SIEWERT
Staff Writer

Last week, the presidents of Ontario's 23 community colleges voted to freeze their salaries for 1992, due to the government's projected budget retrictions.

John Saso, president of Niagara College, was one of those who voted in favor of the freeze. He said the presidents volunteered a freeze in recognition that support staff and faculty were being asked to deal with the government's lack of funds.

Keith McIntyre, chairman of the Council of Presidents, confirmed the decision. He said the move was made in recognition of the serious financial dilemma the government is in. Last month the New Democratic Government cut $12.7 million in payments promised to post-secondary institutions.

The presidents also stated their strong opinions on administrative employees' salaries. They felt their salaries should be adjusted to reflect the salary changes for the support staff and faculty. "We didn't want administrative staff to be disadvantaged," said President Saso.

When asked what universities are doing to lessen the pressures on the budget, President Saso said universities are not subject to the same governmental control as colleges. Technically speaking, he said, "The Board of Governors should set the agenda for colleges, but the ministry is doing it."

President Saso said he is very concerned about the issue, since the government is cutting back funds, while expecting colleges to increase their access potential for students. "It's a very difficult time," he said, adding the Council of Regents has forewarned colleges that increases next year will be between zero and two per cent.

"We are all dependent on government funding," said President Saso, explaining nothing is concrete, as far as the federal government's financial allowance for colleges is concerned. This makes it difficult for planning on the college's part.

"Our strategy is to make new markets for ourselves collectively," said the President, adding "we will find new ways to get over this rough spot." He said everyone working together collectively, doing an extra part, would help resolve the problem, and, "...everyone should see the value of that."

Blood Clinic Give the Gift of Life on Nov. 22

The time has arrived for students to look in their hearts to give a part of themselves by donating blood. Friday, Nov. 22, the Blood Donor Clinic will be held in the college gymnasium between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

"I urge students to support the clinic because although they don't have money to give to charities, they can give to life—something that is actually part of themselves," Eugene Maltais, political science teacher and a past president of Welland's Red Cross branch, said.

"It's important that they can give, but it's twice as important when it's blood, which is actually a tissue. It's like giving someone else your finger."

The clinic, in its 20th year at Niagara College, is sponsored by the Student Administrative Council while the Hamilton Red Cross conducts it. A group of faculty and staff are responsible for helping to orgainize and promote the clinic, Jan Potton, a psychology teacher for Law and Security students and the vice-president of Welland's Red Cross branch, said.

There are certain requirements to be blood donors. Donors must be between 17 and 60 years old, must not have donated in the past 70 days and they must weigh more than 100 pounds. They are urged to have a good breakfast the day of the clinic to raise their blood sugar and not take prescription drugs at least 72 hours before. A photo identification is required for registration.

RESTRICTIONS APPLY

Before waiting in line and taking the chance of being turned away, students should consider what may make them ineligible to donate blood. A student must wait 72 hours after they have recovered from the flu; wait five years after the use of Accutane for the treatment of severe acne; have no symptoms following a cold or sore throat; wait six months after recovery of infectous mononucleosis or getting a tatoo; and wait for three months after complete recovery from minor surgery, and six months after major surgery.

Students with diabetes will be ineligible unless they are on a diet control. Those with high blood pressure or hypertension will be ineligible except only with diuretic control.

A more extensive list will be available at the registration desk. Though waiting for approval, those who are unable to donate blood may have the opportunity to donate money to be used for oral rehydration salts for children in the treatment of diarrhea. Fifteen cents will buy one packet.

HOPES FOR SUPPORT

Mrs. Potton is "hoping for support from the faculty to release students at specific times for donating blood to prevent 300 people from showing up at once." This year there will be one more nurse and an increased number of beds to decrease waiting time.

Two trophies will be awarded as incentives to promote full class participation. The Corpsuckle Cup, created by Mr. Maltais, is awarded to the program year which donates the highest percentage of blood, and Buddy Blood Drop Jr., created and designed by Mrs. Potton last year, is awarded to the program year that gives the greatest total number of pints of blood.

A Business Administration student involved in SAC has issued a challenge to business students against Law and Security, and Ambulance and Emergency Care students, who have won the trophies in the last six years, for those donating the most blood.

"Law and Security students dressed as Dracula and his cheerleaders will be coming to all the classes to promote the clinic," Mrs. Potton said.

"I believe it is our responsibility as healthy individuals to give something that isn't going to cost anything on the part of the young people. I'd like to see it become a way of life—they'll do it once then hopefully they'll continue."

Overall, 7.7 per cent of Niagara College donated 270 pints of blood last year.

Student rep listens, learns

At first meeting of Board of Governors

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Although she said she kept quiet for the first meeting, Brigitta Verbraeken "wishes students could see all the effort, sincerity and hard work put into running the college."

Ms. Verbraeken, 27, student representative on the Niagara College Board of Governors, made the comment after attending the October meeting, the first of her one-year term.

"They (the board members) were eager to hear my point of view," she said. She said she felt comfortable to sit and listen, to accustom herself to the new surroundings and procedures. She said she was surprised by the complexity of the system required to effectively operate the college.

For her one of the main issues at all on-campus student elections is student involvement, or lack of it. Last year's elections were no exception. Ms. Verbraeken campaigned with the hopes of increasing students' involvement in the college's day-to-day operation.

"I ran for student governor because I want to get involved... and I hope I can rub some of it off on the student body," she said.

BRIGITTA VERBRAEKEN

She came back from a student governor's conference in Toronto recently full of ideas about involvement. Her first duty is to learn as much as possible about the Board of Governors and how it functions while delegating administrative responsibilities.

"I was really impressed at the board meeting," she said. "There's a lot more behind the scenes than the students see."

"It's not as easy as we think to get a change made at the college," she said, explaining how decisions must filter through the complex bureaucracy.

Some of the bigger issues facing the board include "the budget...trying to balance what money the college needs with how the college will get that money," she said.

Ms. Verbraeken said promotion of the new St. Catharines campus and expansion of new programs, are main issues on the boardroom table. Besides the physical plans in action at the college, "I get the impression the board is trying to give the school an overall facelift, moodwise."

She said communication, dialogue and participation are the keys to her success as well as that of the college collectively. The main obstacle to achieving her goals is lack of time, "this is only a one-year term," she said.

Once established, she said she hopes to work towards those goals by installing suggestion boxes to provide students a means of communication; meet with student, faculty and administration groups to create the dialogue; and, create some form of publicity to get her own point across.

'Chance to change': new co-ordinator

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

Stu Black is the new co-ordinator of the Broadcast, Radio Television and Film program. He is taking over from Larry Taylor who became the new director of the applied arts division on Nov. 1.

"It's a chance for everybody in the department to sit down, just because the change is there and say alright, if were going to make change, it's a chance for all of us because the change is there," Mr. Black said.

He is an instructor of the second- and third-year radio and production students.

Mr. Black, who has taught at Niagara College for 16 years, returned to the college in September from a one-year sabbatical spent out in the radio industry to dicover what had changed in that time.

Mr. Black said he wants to implement his new ideas to improve students' skills. However, he said, he plans to proceed slowly because the changes can't be made radically.

STU BLACK

Parking: no more leniency

The chairman of the Niagara College Parking Committee warned this week there will be no more leniency shown to people who park illegally on campus.

"The Parking Committee arranged for the new overflow lot behind the Black Walnut building with capacity for about 100 cars," Meg Rose said, stressing that before this week exceptions have been made for people who received tickets. Now they must obey or pay.

"The committee has discovered there is now room for everybody," she said and yet cars are still parking on the grass.

It is legal to park in the overflow lot only as far as the fence extends towards the Simcoe building, she added.

Deputy minister

Tour, lunch at college

By CINDY HARRIMAN
Staff Writer

The Deputy Minister of Colleges and Universities for Ontario, Bernard Shapiro, visited Niagara College on Oct. 22, for a luncheon and a tour of the Welland and St. Catharines campuses.

The luncheon, which took place at the Welland campus in the staff dining room, was attended by John Saso, college president; Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources; Bette Ferguson, director of student services and David Schleich, vice-president of academics, as well as six students chosen from various courses.

"We invited (Mr. Shapiro) to become more familiar with Niagara College's services and programs," said Mr. Schleich.

It was best for him to have personal contact with the students, teachers and academic leaders, Mr. Schleich said.

Mr. Shapiro brought his father, who is from Israel, with him to the lucheon.

Mr. Schleich said the senior Mr. Shapiro was "delightful" and spent a lot of time with the students.

To reflect the college's student population, the six students chosen to attend the lucheon were Mark Sutch, a mature student, Tareq Zeineldine, an international student, Gord Shapley, a special needs student, Nancy Harder, a non-traditional program student, Lyn Gelinas, a francophone student, and Colleen Porter, a health sciences student.

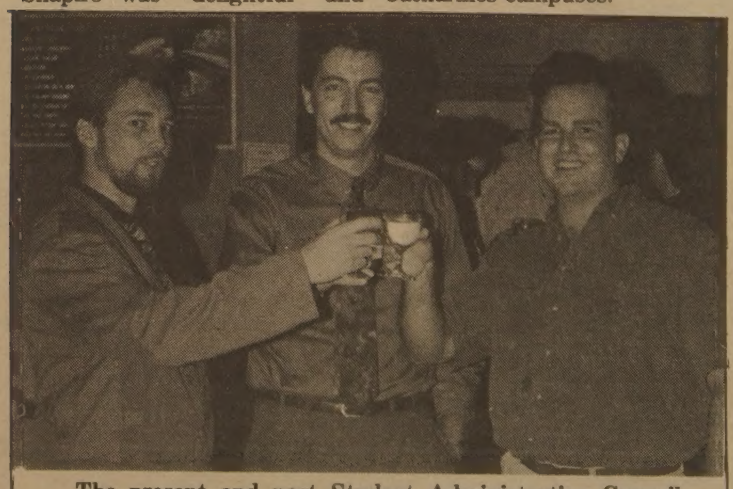
"The intent was to try to pick students who represented a good cross-section of the college," said Mr. Schleich.

He said the discussion at the luncheon was "interesting and insightful" and everyone was quite friendly. "It was not only enjoyable-it was fascinating."

After the luncheon, Mr. Schleich and Mr. Saso took Mr. Shapiro on a tour of the Welland campus.

They visited the student centre, cafeteria facilities, student council area and many of the individual program areas.

Following the Welland campus tour, Mr. Shapiro toured the St. Catharines campuses.



The present and past Student Administrative Council presidents toast the opening of the new After Hours Student Centre at the grand opening ceremonies held on Friday, Oct. 25. SAC began a trust fund 12 years ago to help pay for the building. From left are Karl Anselstetter (1991-92), Dennis Noel (1984-85) and Darryl Nadeau (1987-88).

Photo by Jason Darrah

Last offer to renew contract

Saying "let's face it, there's nothing left to bargain for," the president of the support staff union for Niagara College said Nov. 14 will be the day of the support staff union members vote on the final offer to renew their contract.

Meg Rose, president of local 243, who works at the Niagara College Hospitality and Tourism Centre, said last Tuesday the provincewide vote date was set.

After what she described as "very tough negotiations," she said she "feel(s) this is all we can achieve by the collective bargaining process."

The combined package has improved to 3.5 per cent from a 2.7 per cent offer rejected by 90 per cent of the Niagara College support staff Oct. 10.

Referring to a bulletin distributed across the province to all local presidents, Ms. Rose said the new package contains "greatly improved job security, a marginally better wage offer and a somewhat better benefits package."

"My feeling is the Niagara College support staff will accept this offer," she said.

The improved package was made possible by the firm rejection of the last offer as well as strong union leadership, she said.

"What's the sense of turning it down...there won't be any more," she said of the present offer, adding a recent meeting in Toronto she attended indicated a general sense of acceptance towards the latest offer.

"Most members were being realistic...in view of these times of austerity."

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4. What group is the new drummer for Guns 'N' Roses previously from?
   _____
5. What State is Steve Miller from?
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Winners will be printed here next week. It is up to the winner to come down to the Radio and Television main office in the Voyager wing, to claim the prizes.

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From left, John Saso, president of Niagara College; David Gibson, chef and instructor at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre; William Slovak, former chair of the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission; Norma Higgs, current chair of the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission; Reno Martin and Dominic Diodati, retired members of The Chefs Association of Niagara, pose in front of the new display case at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre on Nov. 1.

Photo by Armando Barbarito

New trophy case receives most hospitable welcome

By CAROLINE WINTERBOTTOM
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre bustled with excitement the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 1 as a prestigious crowd including faculty, management and students, awaited the unveiling of a $27,000 trophy and display case.

The white oak case was donated by the 50th anniversary committee of the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission and the Professional Chefs Association of Niagara. It commemorates the first international Hot Food Competition held at Niagara College this past April 6.

Dedication ceremony speakers included John Saso, Niagara College president, Norma Higgs, chairman of the International Bridge Commission and David Gibson, chairman of the committee for the first International Hot Food Competition.

Mr. Saso said, it was "a privilege to be president of Niagara College during an event like this." He said he was impressed by the generosity of the Professional Chefs Association and the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission whose partnership has produced a lasting memory.

Mr. Gibson said the Bridge Commission approached the college last year. After a series of meetings the Hot Food Competition was planned. "The proceeds bought a beautiful display case to exhibit student and faculty awards at the centre."

Ms. Higgs said of the anniversary events she has attended this year, the Hot Food Competition was "one of my most enjoyable evenings." She said she was "very pleased to take part in the dedication today."

The group enjoyed hors d'oevres, wine and discussion after the ceremony.

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College hires student as life liaison officer

Satellite campuses' students can voice their concerns and opinions through a newly established Niagara College liaison.

Victor Ferraiuolo, 22, a third-year marketing managemant co-operative student, has been hired by Niagara College to complete his placement term as a student life liaison officer.

The position is a new one, initiated by Bette Ferguson, director of student services, to ensure the satellite campuses have input and feedback about student concerns.

Lou DiMattio, assistant to Mrs. Ferguson, said the college "made a place for a co-op student. Students talking to a student makes more sense."

There was a communication gap with the satellite campuses, she said, "in service areas like counselling and library services. The students at the main campus don't know how lucky they are."

Mr. Ferraiuolo encourages communication on a one-to-one basis with students. He makes himself available in the satellite campuses regularly each week, approaching students in the cafeteria, and visiting classrooms.

"I want students to pull me over in the hallways and talk about concerns," he said. He wants them to take advantage of his experience and his position as liaison to open the doors of communication to better their situation in the college.

"I've always been the type to improve procedures and policies. Marketing is so adaptable, I don't think it's a field where you produce a tangible product, but it is a school of thought necessary to meet your goals."

He says he is enjoying everything he is doing now. "If I see any new faces, I introduce myself."

He is compiling information on student expectations into a major survey, to give the college a better understanding of students and their needs.

Ms. DiMattio said, "Victor is very smart and very articulate. He comes up with a lot of good suggestions. He's really got a lot under his belt that he has brought with him into this job."

The position may not be continued after Mr. Ferraiuolo has completed his placement. However, Ms. DiMattio said the college "will not go back to its old ways." The onus will be on the student council to "do their fair share to promote student activities. They will have to pick up the slack in the event he (Victor) is not here. I think the counsellors of the student body should be doing that anyway."

MINI-METRICS

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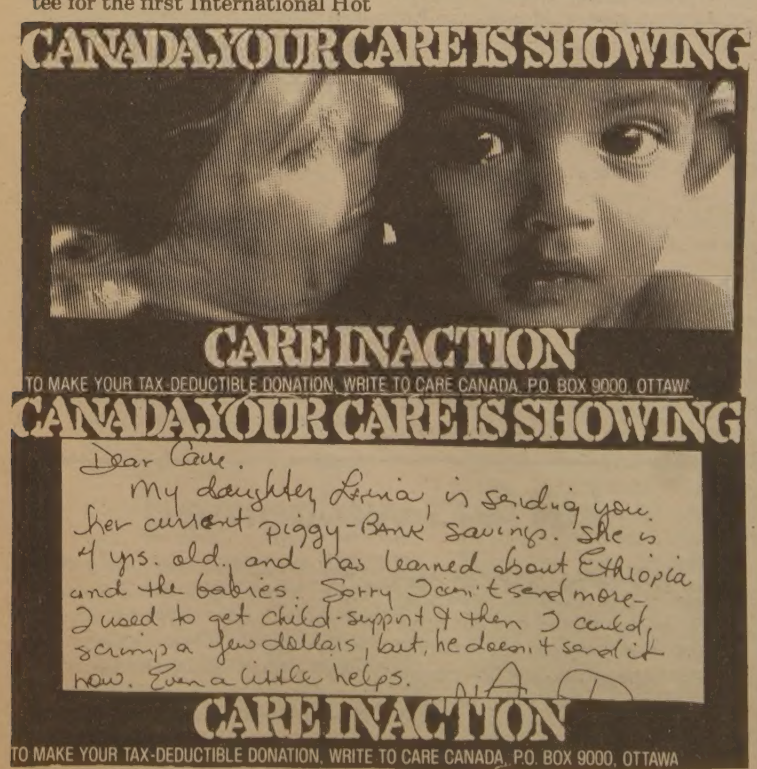
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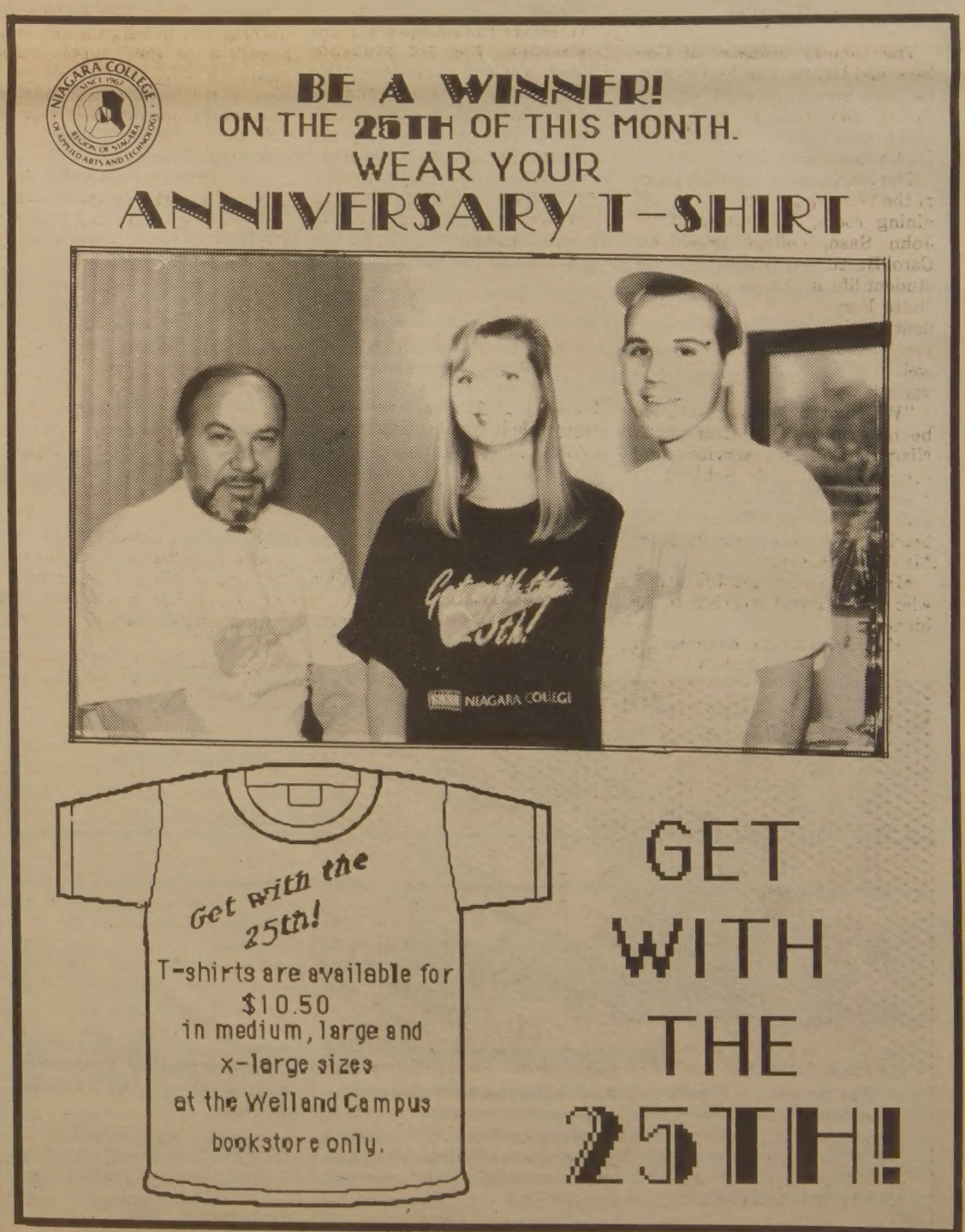
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Editorials

Just a whimper

Remember when schools used to have something they called 'school spirit'? Any spirit Niagara College may have had in its student body in the past has disintegrated.

The fact is obvious in two aspects of the college; the After Hours pub and sports events. Attendance is pathetic.

The questionnaire which appeared in the last edition of the Niagara News showed a lack of organization and creativity on the part of the Student Administrative Council. It does not seem too difficult a task to decide on some activities for the students of this college. It all seems very nice to ask us what we prefer but we frankly cannot see the difference in the long run.

It would have been easy to make After Hours a popular venue, if only a few animated and energitic individuals had enforced a spirited attitude about the place upon students. A few measly posters on a few bare walls just doesn't cut it.

The student turnout is so poor at sports events there are more players on the team than there are people cheering in the stands. Teams cannot be expected to be victorious without some reinforcement.

School spirit, after all, is not achieved by one or two students, but by a group of people animating the essence of what makes us something to be proud of. Niagara College surely deserves more than a whimper...let's hear a bang.

Michelle Siewert

It's ours, let's use it

Have you ever thought of who actually owns the Student Centre? Believe it or not, we do! Our money has gone into this intoxicating experience, but is anyone satisfied with it? No. The Student Centre should be what WE want it to be. It's OURS.

While other colleges and universities have pubs opening at 11:30 a.m., our pub doesn't open until 3 p.m. Faculty members and the Board of Governors seem to think normal pub hours will destroy our adult education. Like everything else in life, there are people who might abuse the situation. Like everything else in life, live and learn.

Absorbing the fact the college is an adult institution and we paid for the Student Centre, we should be able to use it when we want.

Over 500 students have signed the petition at After Hours to open earlier in the day. After all, how is the pub going to make a profit after students have gone home? This is easier said than done. Staff to operate the facilities will be needed. More employment. These days who needs employment? We do.

Compared to other successful pubs at Brock, Mohawk, and McMaster, we are sadly missing out on the college experience. What makes Niagara different from any other adult institution? Maybe our low school spirit needs to be stirred. We need social activities while students are in school.

Students taking night school never get to use the Student Centre because it's closed during the week about 6 p.m., except for Thursdays. Pub night!

If the Student Centre is not used to its full potential, it will never be used. We won't benefit from its purpose.

Petitions are waiting at the bar for your signature, or you can sign a cheque next year for a pricier tuition to make up for After Hours' losses.

Katherine Towne

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Letters to the editor

College reform soon

Open letter to the college system concerning government response to Vision 2000

In the 1991 Ontario Budget announced last April, the Government made a commitment—in response to the final report of the Vision 2000 process—to move ahead with important reforms to Ontario's system of colleges of applied arts and technology:

—the formation of a College Standards and Accrediation Council to ensure that college programs are of a consistently high quality across the province;

—the development of a system for fairly evaluating prior learning and experience as credit towards a post secondary credtial.

—the undertaking of a feasibility study to examine innovative ways for colleges and universities to cooperate in offering new credentials for advanced training.

Subsequently, work has been undertaken to develop specific initiatives to fulfill these commitments and it is now timely to inform you of progress in this regard.

Planning for the establishment of the College Standards and Accreditation Council (CSAC) will be undertaken by the CSAC Establishment Board. The Board is being formed now and will be jointly chaired by deputy minister Bernard Shapiro and the chair of the Council of Regents Richard Johnson. It will include representatives of the Council of Ontario, Universities, the Council of Governors, the Council of Presidents, the College Committee of Academic Affairs, the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union, the Ontario Community College Student Presidents Assciation, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities and the Council of Regents. It is expected that the Establishment Board will have made recommendations to me by June, 1992, concerning the structure, nature, relationships and any other aspect of CSAC germane to its establishment and effective operation.

I have requested and the Council of Regents has agreed to establish an Advisory Committee on Prior Learning Assessment in Ontario's colleges. Membership on the committee will include representatives of both internal and external stakeholders. The Committee will provide advice on the development and implementation of a comprehensive approach to prior learning for both postsecondary and adult training programs in the colleges. It is expected that the advice of the Committee will be provided by June 1992. The Chair of the Council of Regents, Richard Johnston, will be providing you with further information with respect to this initiative.

A task force, to be chaired by an external individual with recognized, relevant expertise, currently is being formed to undertake a feasibility study into innovative ways for colleges and universitites to cooperate inn offering new credentials for advanced training. Membership on the task force will include the Council of Regents, the Ontario Council of University Affairs, the Ontario Public Servce Employees' Union, the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, the Council of Presidents, the Council of Ontario Universities and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. The work of the task force will include a needs identification exercise and the examination of a full range of options—including a provincial institute without walls as described in Vision 2000—for meeting the advanced training needs of the province's citizens and economy. It is anticipated that the task force's work may take up to a year to complete.

Vision 2000 was a collaborative and consultative process; reactions to it have been overwhelmingly positive. It is my intent that the collaborative and consultative style which characterized the process be evident also in the development of these initiatives which will fulfill the Government's responsive commitment to Vision 2000. it is with pleasure and confidence that we should enter this new phase of Vision 2000.

Yours sincerely,
Richard Allen
Minister

Done like dinner

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre is taking Monday to Friday dinner reservations to be served in the Kerrio Room at the centre.

The dinners, prepared and served by the students, are an important part of the students' training. The students are under supervision of professionals, full bar service and a variety of local wines are available.

For more information call the Hospitality and Tourism at 1-416-734-7454

Correction

Incorrect information appeared in the Niagara News edition Vol. 22 No. 2 Oct. 11 in the page 11 story headlined Smoking at After Hours direct challenge to Bill 194. Karl Anselstetter, Student Administrative Council president, said he hasn't yet read the college's smoking policy but has been involved at the college for the past four years in establishing teacher evaluation policies. He said he has read other college policies in that time.

Letters welcomed

The Niagara News welcomes letters from readers. Letters to the editor should be kept brief and must include the writer's name, program and telephone number. Letters must be signed, pen names will not be accepted. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters, but will take every precaution to preserve the core of the writer's point of view or argument. Letters should be left at the newsroom of the Niagara News, Second floor, Simcoe Building by noon Wednesdays.

Focus

Mixed emotions concerning constitutional issues

Editor's Note: Two Niagara College journalism-print students attended the Oct. 25 Canada, Break-Up or Re-Structure symposium held at the University of Guelph. High school, college and university students attended the event.

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

A prominent native leader said Canada's constitution is not complete until the English, French and aboriginal elements are recognized as distinct.

One senior Quebec government official cursed loudly and said Eric Lindros should "shut up and concentrate on playing hockey."

An elderly woman angrily told one panel their intellectual discussion was "over the heads of ordinary Canadians."

In a day-long symposium Oct. 25, at the University of Guelph designed to stimulate discussion about federal proposals to reshape Canada politically and constitutionally, the talks were varied and often heated.

The session began with Guelph University President Brian Segal making a request of the 1,500 or more people who filled the ice surface at the university arena to rise and sing "O Canada." All sang resoundingly, perhaps responding to the all-Canadian setting, and the mood drew the comment "they just let me out of the visitor's penalty box" from Pierre Fortin, the day's first Quebec representative.

Although claiming the least education-Grade 13-William Montour, chief of staff to the chief of the Assembly of First Nations, spoke clearly on constitutional issues saying he "was trained in the school of hard knocks...with a BA for bad attitude."

Mr. Montour's mid-day presentation changed the tone of the talks and drew the loudest applause of the day when he told the audience (that had grown to about 2,000) he "want(s) to see a banner here soon representing the aboriginal people of Canada," referring to the federal and 10 provincial flags that hung behind him on the stage.

"Self-government means self-representation," Mr. Montour said. "Sovereignty means the right of every living being to associate with every other living being."

He said the Canadian constitution means nothing until aboriginals are included and "until aboriginals get out of the Indian Act mentality where there is always someone from Indian Affairs who will tell them what to do."

THREE SOCIETIES

Rosalie Abella, chairman of the Ontario Law Reform Commission, explained the size and complexity of the constitution, compared to the United States' or Britain's as a unique Canadian feature, because the country originally grew recognizing three distinct societies.

There were three sets of language, culture and religion, she said. "This explains why much of this process is about groups who, previously excluded (from the constitution), now want to be included." She added the Charter of Freedoms and Rights is overly burdened with minority considerations when "the majority, the main ingredient of democracy," is overlooked.

Mr. Fortin, professor of economics, University of Quebec, member of the Belanger-Campeau Commission and former adviser to the premier of Quebec, quickly turned his humorous opening remark to anger in response to a general question about Quebec's image in the country arising from Quebec's constitutional demands.

Mr. Fortin criticized the media and others for "alienating" Quebec by tarnishing its public image. He said Quebec-Canada relations have been hurt by highly publicized but isolated incidents. Citing Eric Lindros, the star hockey player who refused to play for the Quebec Nordiques team, Mr. Fortin said, "he (Lindros) called his French teammates "a bunch of f------ frogs," and, referring to the Oka crisis last year, which likened Quebec action in dealing with the natives to "South-African justice", Mr. Fortin said, "if we can't control our emotions, we're doomed."

ECONOMIC UNITY

Speaking on the economic panel, Mr. Fortin called the federal economic proposals "bandwagoning. If I were a province, I'd seriously doubt any proposal to harmonize with the federal fiscal policy." The federal proposals include co-ordinating the fiscal policies of all Canadian governments with a common timetable using national budget guidelines.

Another panelist, top Canadian economist Donald Coxe, of Gordon Capital Inc., said the federal government and the provinces must unify the Canadian economic system or face the wrath of international "paymasters" who have loaned Canada $400 billion to date.

Mr. Coxe said it is economically impossible for Canada to think of separation now. "Canada's chances of arranging a decorous break-up fell with the Berlin Wall," he said.

An elderly woman, who didn't identify herself, berated the panel for its lofty political and economic rhetoric. "I think you people all need psycho-analysis," she said.

Others questioned the level of discussion, saying they felt left out because of the overly-professional tone. One "retired gentleman" said he asked his question in layman's terms and wished the reply to be likewise. "These talks are for the people," he said.

Ice-arena humor continued until the end. After Mr. Fortin's comment about the penalty box, both Mr. Coxe and Mr. Montour made reference to the distinct Canadian setting, variously calling the symposium a place for hot Canadians with cold feet.

However, alone in one row of seats, a young man sat with tears slowly streaming down his face. His appearance proclaimed there was nothing funny at all.

Check up

Carolyn Hurst, nurse from the Niagara College Health Centre is taking Sherri Hamilton's, second-year journalism-print student, blood pressure.

Photo by Tara Grigg

Culture session

Students debate Canadian content

By DIANA HARRIS
Staff Writer

An unidentifiable Canadian culture, racial and ethnic intolerance and sports as culture were the main issues addressed at the culture session of a constitutional symposium, Oct. 25, at Guelph University. Travelling across Canada,the symposium, Canada, Break-Up or Re-Structure, attempts to determine the effects on Canada if Quebec separates.

The mixed panel of artists, actors and sports professor responded to the reactor panel's questions. Three senior high school students formed the latter.

"If Canada is to survive as a nation, we need to create space for all people," said Tom Hill, artist and director of the Woodland Cultural Centre. "There is no one correct definition of culture, the Iroquoian word for community, Nada,... show the world we(Canada) can live together harmoniously."

An 18-year-old St. James High School student, Jordon Sheridan, asked Mr. Hill if there would be a difference in interaction between natives if Quebec separates. Mr. Hill replied,"No, there is a cultural bond between native nations-provincial boundaries do not distinguish cultural boundaries."

Another panelist and artist, Greg Curnoe, said he believes Canada needs ethnic and racial tolerance because it(Canada) is the home to many nations.

The audience of approximately 500 high school, college and university students responded enthusiastically to the sometimes heated questions and answers.

"Sport has the potential to tie regional loyalties with national unity," said Donald Macintosh, a Queen's University professor of physical and health education."In order for this to happen, the government should show more support and should televise inter-collegiate sport to promote national interest."

Bilingual actor and artistic director for Theatre Francais de Toronto, Diana Leblanc said she hopes for an exchange between French and English-speaking Canada — shorthand for the two cultures at a level not touched by symposiums."

"I can't discuss my culture without an uncomfortable reality," said Mr. Hill. "The 1990's was a summer of discontent with ugly racial violence(Oka). History is at odds with native and non-native perspectives."

Paul Kiddey, a 17-year-old student in Oakville, asked the panel if the Canadian content laws are an effective way to develop and maintain Canadian culture. Before the panelists could respond, Mr. Kiddey's fellow panelist, Marialla Radman, and an unidentified student from the floor asked why Canadian television is swamped with American shows.

Mr. Curnoe and Mr. Leblanc both replied, "you have the option to switch the channels." However, Ms. Radman said at an interview later,"students won't watch Canadian television because it is not interesting. We need better quality television and programs depicting Canadian culture."

Motoring monster

This scary little skeleton took a few minutes off from his busy day to enjoy a Halloween bike ride. Nicholas Kersteman, three years old, attends Niagara College's day-care centre. On Halloween, the teachers costumed themselves and the children and took them out to walk around the Welland campus.

Photo by Shannon Stranges

One-to-one communication peer tutor assistance

By SUSAN EATON
Staff Writer

Free tutoring is available to students wanting to upgrade boarderline or failing grades, or who've fallen behind classes due to illness said Pat Cicci, peer tutoring facilitator at Niagara College.

This service, sponsored by Student Administrative Council and Student Services, is intended to be a one-to-one communication process between students who are experiencing difficulty and students excelling in the same course.

Peer tutoring is offered out of the Career Library located in the Learning Resource Centre, Welland Campus. To apply for tutoring, a student fills out an application form at the Career Library. Mrs. Cicci will arange for a tutor.

Within the first week of applying tutoring sessions will commence, she said. These one-hour sessions are a time to practice and review class assignments. The tutor's responsibility is to assist the student in understanding the subject, not to do homework for the individual said Mrs. Cicci. Tutoring sessions are available to students on an appointment basis. This year, 135 students have registered for tutoring, and 69 people have signed up to be tutors said Mrs. Cicci

Peer tutoring services are looking for students who need tutoring and students willing to tutor. Seated are Pat Cicci, peer tutoring facilitator and Karen Kwok, one of the 69 peer tutors.

Photo by Susan Eaton

Hires two grads

By CAROL KERSTEMAN
Staff Writer

Niagara College is practising what it preaches by hiring its own co-operative students for their placements.

Erik Madsen, co-op counsellor, co-operative education and career services, said, "There is a greater awareness of co-op and the benefits of it (co-op) to the employer. The college should be encouraged to take on students from their own institution. We train then for the private sector and they've been taking them (the students) for years--so why not the college too?"

There are students involved in all facets of the college business, learning the skills needed in their chosen trade.

Donna Barrett, a business administration-human resources management student, was hired by the college June 17 to set up the new Job Search Centre. After working for 25 years as a registered nursing assistant, she left her native Timmins, Ont., and came to Niagara College. She said her future plans include getting a degree in human resources at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, and eventually getting a job in the health and safety field.

"One of the reasons I came here was because it was a co-op program. I felt if I went to an employer with this much education, but an added eight months of on-the-job experience, it had to be a bonus," she said.

BENEFICIAL WORK

Victor Ferraiuolo, a marketing management co-op student, is working part-time as a Student Life Liaison Officer, a position in which he travels to the college's satellite campuses and interacts with the students and staff to learn about their concerns.

This is his second four-month co-op term. In his first, he worked for the Niagara Falls Canada Visitor and Convention Bureau as the marketing research co-ordinator.

"Co-op has really been very beneficial in the sense that I'm less intimidated if I have to look for any kind of job because I know that the schooling that I've taken is relevant and, in some cases, ahead of its time for certain industries that exist out there," he said.

"Through the marketing course, I feel better equipped to deal with starting my own business, with sideline interests, and understanding my environment."

Mr. Ferraiuolo has already had employers infer he will have job opportunities waiting for him when he graduates.

"The education and experience we get here, depending on the individual's initiative and presentation, are picked up right away by prospective employers."

Business administration marketing management student Fern Colavecchia is working in the marketing department for his co-op placement. He has worked on brochures for next year, gained some experience on Apple computers, worked on Explore Niagara Day as co-ordinator of the guides, and solicited door prizes from local businesses for the high school students on Explore Niagara Day.

"I've been enjoying it a lot," he said. "I'm surprised at how busy I am. Every day I come in and there's something new to do."

"This is where all your theory comes into practise. What better way to do this than on a co-op term. You're able to draw bits and pieces from what you've learned and implement them. Here, you get a general theory you can apply to a lot of companies."

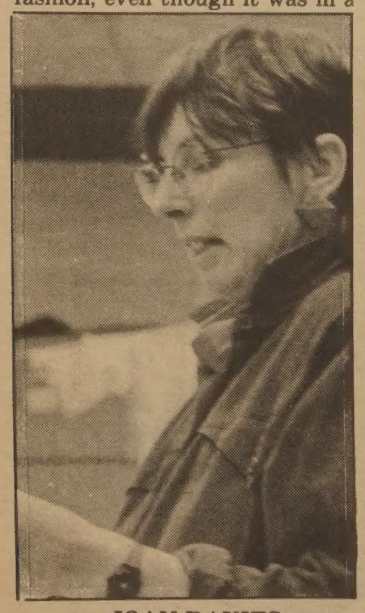
New addition

Finally receives the call

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

Fashions change yearly, but there's something extra new in fashion this year, and her name is Joan Davies.

Mrs. Davies, the interim fashion arts co-ordinator, has been at the college since 1968. She began by teaching theatre arts, a program that no longer exists at Niagara College. From that, she taught fashion, even though it was in a different department.



JOAN DAVIES

Her predecessor as co-ordinator, Carole Timm, is on a one-year sabbatical to "see what's happening out there," Mrs. Davies said.

Over the past two years, there has been talk in the Fashion Arts program about the way business is developing and new ways of doing business, she said. "So I agreed that I would take on the day-to-day stuff and free (Mrs. Timm) to be able to get out into the business."

Mrs. Davies said she does not feel she is taking over the co-ordinator position completely. She said she feels she is only "taking over the time-consuming parts of the job and freeing (Mrs. Timm) to do other things."

Her office is S205B. The best thing that has happened so far, she said, was "I got a phone. I've been waiting for a phone for a whole year and finally I've got it."

Open House

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre, 5881 Dunn St., Niagara Falls, will hold an open house Thursday, Dec. 5, 1991, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For further information, please call Barbara Fonfara, conference and seminar facilitator at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, at 1-416-734-7454.

Remember

Monday, Nov 11 is remembrance day. There are members of our community who fought for the freedoms we often take for granted. There are those who, in sacrificing their lives, lost the opportunity of returning to the freedom they hoped to restore. Purchasing a poppy of remembrance and giving thought to those who died in past wars is a small price to pay.

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Ventures building new partnerships

By SHERI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Creating a bridge between Niagara College and the community provides the Ventures division with a wide-ranging scope of activities. It is directed, in part, by Bea Clarke.

"Ventures is the branch of the college that is reaching out into the community, trying to build up partnerships with community groups, allowing more people access into the college. Ventures works with people out in the working world, helping them to upgrade their skills," Mrs. Clarke said, adding "the post secondary people are working with students who are coming into the institution on a full-time basis, trying to prepare them for the marketplace. Ventures is already out there working with people. That's the only black and white difference between the Ventures people and the post secondary people."

Ventures

Ventures has three levels: academic, student life and human resources, and admistration.

It is one of four college branches whose vice-presidents report directly to Niagara College President John Saso. Ventures' vice-president is Dan Patterson.

Within Ventures are five subdivisions: marketing/communications, Access, technical trades training, joint ventures and the Canadian Centre for Secondary Resource Management.

Marketing communication's director is Lyn Russo. Access is directed by Marti Jumain and encompasses Ontario Basic Skills, Basic Training for Skills Developmet, English as a Second Language, general college, college vocational, and Health Science Preparation programs.

Technical trades training includes apprenticeship programs, trades updates, and technicians and technologists' program updates. Its director is to be announced.

Agreements

Joint ventures, directed by George Repar, engineers partnership agreements between Niagara College and Sanborn, N.Y.-based Niagara Community College. The most recent accomplishment was the creation of an International Trade program in which grades obtained at either institution will be recognized as equivalent toward earning a diploma.

The most recent Ventures addition is the Canadian Centre for Secondary Resource Management, headed by John Ogryzlo How to handle refuse generated by the college and waste management are its priorities.

Ventures moved to the Foster Wheeler Building in St. Catharines this past July. All 30 employees will relocate once the new St. Catharines campus is built.

Explore Niagara successful

Explore Niagara, Niagara College's annual open house, was vastly different this year.

Approximately 1,300 students from 36 secondary schools in the Niagara region attended the day-long event, held Oct. 23.

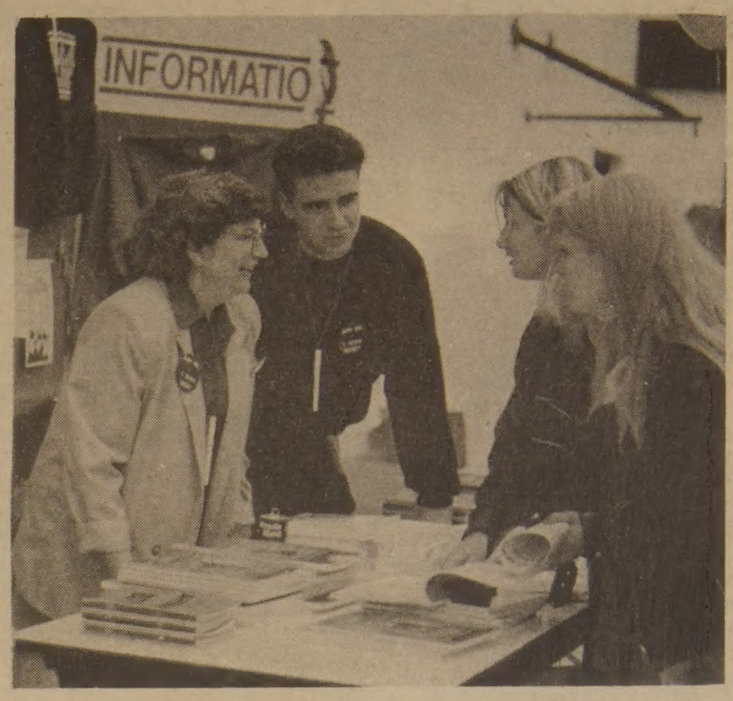
Due to requests from the high-chools, the format was more structured, including displays and guided tours, Joan Schwartzkopf, college marketing associate, said.

Students met in the gym where they spoke to instructors and students from all college programs.

In addition to program displays, an information booth was set up by the marketing department, and the Student Administrative Council displayed yearbooks at their booth. Last year there were only a few displays in the Merritt Building.

Visitors could take guided tours of the college or of specific programs. Last year no tours were available.

The marketing department, which orgainized the day, applauded the results. "From all reports we've had so far, everyone seems quite pleased with it," Mrs. Schwartzkopf said.



Esther Dockman from the Niagara College Foundation and Fernando Colavecchia, business administration marketing management student, answer questions for high school students Krista Ellens, right, and Belinda McLean, left, at Explore Niagara, Oct. 23.

Photo by Abigail Kelly

Entertainment around the town

Live Music — *Bob Lambert* — Atlantic folk music, Wednesday, Nov. 13, 4 p.m., at After Hours.
— *The Tarheels,* Nov. 8-9, The Hideaway, St. Catharines.
— *Kid U Not,* Nov. 14, The Hideaway, St. Catharines.
— *Rumour Hazit,* Nov. 7-9, The Windjammer, Port Colborne.
Film — *Mon Oncle Antoine,* Friday, Nov. 8, at 8 p.m., Brock University, 688-5550.
— *The French Lieutenant's Woman,* Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., at Rodman Hall, St. Catharines, 684-2925.
Comedy — *Howard Busgang, Steve Shuster, and M.C. Donnie Coy,* Nov. 7-10, Yuk Yuk's, Niagara Falls.
Theatre — *Oliver!* Nov. 8-9, at 7 p.m. Gypsy Theatre, Fort Erie, 871-7944.

— *This Happy Breed,* by Noel Coward, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m., Nov. 9 at 2 and 8 p.m., Nov. 10, at 2 p.m., The Shaw, Niagara-on-the-Lake, 468-2172.

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A tugboat, The Welland, pulls a barge up the canal towards Welland from the Allanburg lift bridge shortly after the canal was reopened. All traffic was halted for about a week recently after the collapse of the Thorold lift bridge.

Photo by Doug Morton

Co-op trip

Chance to see Ottawa work Student experience invaluable

Taking the fear out of working in Ottawa is the aim of a co-operative education trip there this year.

Scheduled events include a wine and cheese party where students will meet government and private sector employers, an opportunity to meet former co-op students, a chance to see the city and a presentation on "Living in Ottawa" which includes budgeting, housing and transit.

The bus will leave Niagara College's Welland Campus at 9 a.m. and will stop at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls at approximately 9:30 a.m. to board more students.

The cost is $75 per person for transportation and $35 to $125 per person for two nights accommodation depending on the number of people per room. The hotel, the Aristocrat, is within walking distance of restaurants and Parliament Hill.

The trip is arranged so students can "familiarize themselves with Ottawa and seriously consider working there for their co-op term," said Erik Madsen, co-op counsellor, Co-operative Education Education and Career Services.

"There are lots of jobs with the government," he said. "Jobs that would appeal to a wide variety of disciplines. We want to get more and more students interested, especially those with computer skills."

Last year, approximately 40 students went on the trip. This year, one bus has already been filled, and "we're hoping to fill another bus," Mr. Madsen said. Registration deadline is Oct. 28.

Jo-Anne Armstrong, a first-year business accounting student, said she is looking forward to the trip. She said she feels the "experience" will be invaluable for her dealing with interviewers. It will give her an opportunity to "spend some time with people I've gotten to know at school."

Mrs. Armstrong, of Fort Erie, has three children aged 14, 10 and two years. She is not planning on accepting placement in Ottawa because she said travelling home on weekends to see her children would be too hectic and difficult.

Mrs. Armstrong said she is enjoying her program and is looking forward to the day she will be a certified general accountant. "I'm enjoying it (the program). I'm always asking questions. I find that some of the students don't take jobs because of the (poor) money offered. To me, that's not important at this moment - it's getting my foot in the door."

Sandy Belanger, second-year Office Administration Executive program, went on the Ottawa trip last year and completed her first of two co-op terms in Employment and Immigration in Hull, Que. this summer. She will complete her last co-op term in January at the same place.

Miss Belanger said she's looking forward to working in that area when she graduates. She wants "to go back and work full-time, but in a different position." Her placement position was in executive services, a job created specifically for co-op students.

Her bilingualism was a definite advantage over other students. Employment and Immigration officials were looking for this qualification.

"They had someone for Niagara College before and they wanted to know if another bilingual student was available. I was the only one who wanted to go away to work, and that was the main thing," she said.

Of the trip, Miss Belanger said, "It's really good. I suggest to other students to go on the trip and see for themselves how nice Ottawa is as a city."

Of her placement, she said, "The program (at Niagara College) helped a lot. Everything we learned, I used."

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Election '91

Pelham candidate

By CATHY WATT
Staff Writer

GORD HOUSE

Gord House, part-time instructor in Niagara College's technology department, plans to put his business experience to work if elected as Ward 2 alderman for the Town of Pelham in the Nov. 12 municipal election.

Mr. House, 44, owns and operates the House of Electronics, an electrical contracting business, in addition to teaching at the college. He said acting on the town's behalf as alderman would be similar to running his business. "Being in business for myself, I have always said if I can't afford it, I'm not going to buy it."

If elected, Mr. House said he hopes to generate interest in tourism for Pelham through local businesses and maintain a level of spending in order to keep taxes from rising. "I'm tired of taxes increasing just because we're a year older," he said during an interview at his home last Saturday.

Mr. House, who has been at the college for nearly six years, enjoys his teaching position and will continue teaching if he is successful in the election. "The satisfaction I get from my work is greater than in any other job I've had." Three years ago, Mr. House developed the Kirchoff's Voltage Law Club to assist first year students who require additional help to understand the concepts and language of electricity. He said the club, which meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., helps students through their participation and shared interests.

Prior to moving to his 97-year-old home on Pelham Street, Fonthill with his wife, Janet, Mr. House lived in London, Ont. and worked in advertising sales for radio stations. In 1985, he graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology as a certified electronics technologist. "I was a late bloomer," he said.

Mr. House said he has time to listen to the concerns of Pelham residents and hopes to have the opportunity to represent them as their alderman. "I believe if you're going to complain about something, you have the duty to act on it."

Collins seeks 3rd term, takes hobby seriously

MIKE COLLINS

Mike Collins, an English teacher at Niagara College since 1967, is seeking re-election to his third term on the Niagara Regional Council.

Politics is a 10 to 20-hour a week hobby for Mr. Collins, he says, but it is a hobby he takes seriously.

Mr. Collins' roles as a teacher and as a politician are barely discernable. At the college, he always endeavors to project political issues, while making students aware of the world beyond the campus. As a politician representing the largest municipality in the region, St. Catharines, he tries to teach fellow council members about local environmental destruction, a concern, he says, he would like to elevate to the top of council's agenda.

Mr. Collins says he entered politics because he wanted to be "part of the solution rather than just sitting around complaining about the problems around me."

HOPES TO RETIRE

Niagara College has provided him with a continuing opportunity to meet people of all areas of society, Mr. Collins said, "With a little luck I'll retire in 10 years."

After retiring from teaching and the politics of local government, Mr. Collins said it is his dream to sail on a Greenpeace ship, promoting its global concerns.

As an environmental champion, Mr. Collins said his position on council can start the ball moving towards more responsible behavior. He said everyone—students, big business, and even farmers—must drastically change the way they live to fend off catastrophe.

"Because of water pollution, global warming, and air pollution we are destroying the environment and this destruction may be too late to save the food chain," Mr. Collins said.

"I'm concerned with water pollution, and the region controls sources of some of those major pollutions," emphasizing that many of the environmental destructors are in our back yard.

MAJOR POLLUTERS

"The major contributors to Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence waterway pollution are the sewage treatment plants in Port Dalhousie and Port Weller."

"Many people have adopted the 'not in my back yard' NIMBY approach, but these problems will not go away." He offered a message to students and staff at the college, urging that "individuals have to become part of the solution and not give up on the political process."

Profiles

Flamboyant worker brightens college

Editor's Note: At the time of the interview for the following story Trevor Walcott, Versa Foods' driver, sported colorful attire. Since that time, he has changed to comply with Versa Foods' dress code by wearing a plain shirt with a mono-colored tie, shirt and pants with no other accessories.

By DIANA HARRIS
Staff Writer

Striding through Niagara College's hallways, wearing his familiar smile and flamboyant attire is Trevor Walcott, driver for Versa Foods. Mr. Walcott has been delivering food to the college's cafeterias and vending machines since January 1988.

"I love my job tremendously. I'm not quite sure what it is, but I feel it may be the atmosphere — being with younger people," said Mr. Walcott.

Besides his Versa Foods job, Mr. Walcott belongs to several bands in the Niagara Region. He plays the oil or steel drums for the Sunburst Steel Band of St. Catharines and trombone for Holland's Glorie Band of Welland.

The second of nine children born in Barbados, Mr. Walcott states his was not a musical family, but he did sing in the church choir. As a teenager, Mr. Walcott played at hotels with the Salvation Army Band. "Everything back home (Barbados) is slow and relaxed. If it is raining, people stay home until the rain stops," he said.

From 1970 to 1973, Mr. Walcott belonged to the Granada police force. Initially, he played for the force's band, but due to the political unrest, he was quickly recruited to the role of police officer.

Touring with the orchestra, Troubadours, Mr. Walcott came to Canada in 1974. "It (the band) was a mix of calypso, reggae and rhythm and blues," he said.

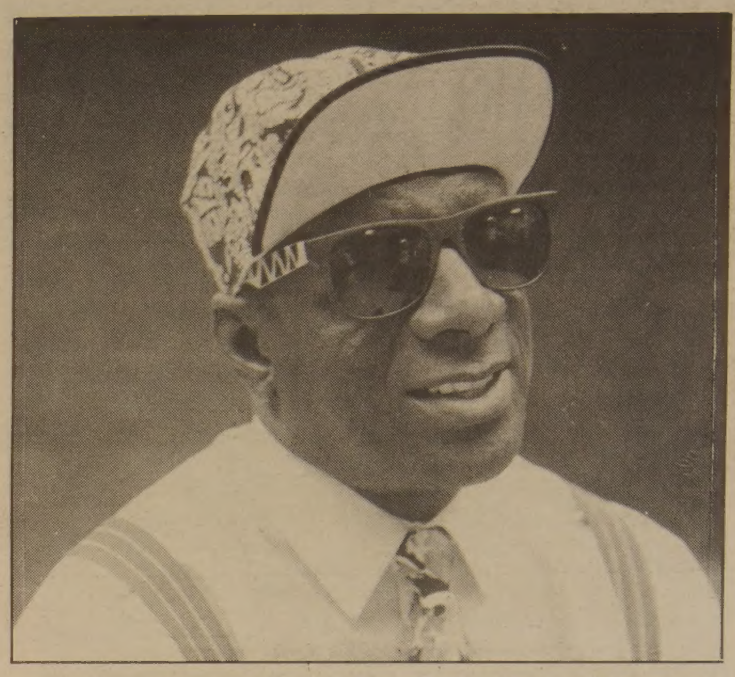
In 1983, Mr. Walcott moved to St. Catharines and worked for Niagara Frontier — the college's original caterers. The college switched to Versa Foods in 1985, but Mr. Walcott didn't start delivering to Niagara College until 1988.

Besides delivering food to the college's cafeterias and vending machines, Mr. Walcott caters for the college's conferences and board parties. "The college staff is super," he said.

Iris Feor, food service director for Versa Foods, has worked 19 years in the Welland campus's main cafeteria. "Mr. Walcott is well liked," she said. "He is a good worker and has a pleasant personality. I think he is great."

VIDEO STAR

Mr. Walcott became a video star when he was recruited for a police film. Mrs. Feor's husband is a firearm's instructor for the Niagara Regional Police Force. The NRPF was planning to produce training videos when Mr. Walcott's name was suggested. Mr. Feor approached Mr. Walcott and the rest, they say, is history.



Trevor Walcott, driver for Versa Foods, takes a well deserved break from his busy day.

Photo by Diana Harris

Mr. Walcott played the role of a burglar during the spring of 1990 when the videos were produced. "I've been acting since I was I child, mostly school and church plays. I enjoyed making the videos, it was fun," he said.

Last year, Mr. Walcott composed and played the piano music for two movies produced by two Niagara College broadcasting students.

In addition, Mr. Walcott and his "brass choir", composed of seven musicians, played for the college's 1991 graduates.

Several Sunshine Steel Band members sang a song, composed by Mr. Walcott, for a retiree's dinner held last December at the college. Piano accompaniment was provided by Mr. Walcott.

COLORFUL ATTIRE

His exuberant sense of dress is well known throughout the college. "I'm not supposed to wear a lot of color on my job, but I feel as though I'm lighting up the whole world. It's difficult for me to dress without colors."

Versa Food's management personnel, when asked to outline the dress code, refused to comment.

Rhonda Cumming, Mr. Walcott's job partner, has worked with him for one year. "He is always a happy person. Students are always stopping him to comment on the way he is dressed."

Sitting back, looking relaxed, his Snoopy and Miss Piggy figures snapped onto his shoelaces, Mr. Walcott smiled and adjusted his multi-colored tie.

Student battles adversity

By SANDRA GOLDEN
Staff Writer

Dale Deloughery, 24, vice-president of external affairs at Niagara College's Student Administrative Council, is a special needs student.

When he was 21, Mr. Deloughery fell from a height of 20 feet at a construction site where he was employed.

"I was in a coma for 17 days, the hospital for four months, and therapy for 15 months," said Mr. Deloughery. "I have improved since the accident but when I first came out of the coma, I couldn't walk and couldn't talk. I couldn't even operate a wheelchair. The doctor told me, maybe you'll walk again, maybe you won't. Now I'm walking."

Mr. Deloughery has double vision, some trouble with his memory, his right side is paralysed to some degree and he has trouble with hand and eye coordination. He can walk without a cane but uses the cane when he is on unfamiliar territory.

Special needs

Mr. Deloughery entered general college at Niagara College through the Workers' Compensation Board last year and the coordinator who interviewed him suggested that he go to special needs. The special needs office supplies him with note takers, a tape recorder, and they make arrangements with teachers to allow him extra time to complete assignments. "The teachers are very good with anyone with special needs students," he said. "They're willing to help."

Mr. Deloughery was vice-president of internal affairs last year."I wanted to get involved and get to know people," he said. "I figured this would be a perfect

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opportunity. I helped last year with (Cystic Fibrosis) Shinerama. I was one of the volunteers. It all started from there. They had a position open on council, so someone suggested I go for it. Out of 19 people they chose me. I was here all summer trying to arrange Shinerama. Now I can't walk around without someone calling my name. That's what I wanted."

At first, Mr. Deloughery said he was hesitant about accepting the position in external affairs because his marks did go down last year but when they had one position open he decided to run.

Before his accident Mr. Deloughery worked for a Porsche race team as an apprentice training to be a mechanic. He had six months left in training, when he was told he would be temporarily laid off and went to work as a laborer for the construction company. It was then he had his accident.

As vice-president for external affairs, Mr. Deloughery is involved in various things at the college. He is helping put up posters for the United Way, he's working with a person from the environmental committee and he was in charge of Shinerama. He will be involved in arranging the blood donor clinic at the college.

Mr. Deloughery has his own reasons for attending the college. "For a good time," he said. "The best thing is, I am here to get an education and get work in some type of government job."

Variety

Mr. Deloughery is taking a variety of courses including human relations, a labor union course and a course on career management. The Workers' Compensation Board wants him to finish his education in a three-year course but he said that may be hard.

"With my injuries I don't think that's possible," he said. "It's not that I'm not trying. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I'm here until 9 p.m. until the library closes. I do most of my homework at night."

Mr. Deloughery plans to keep the position of vice-president until January.

With work and classes he has a busy schedule, sometimes a little too busy. "This school year is heavy but I'm probably trying to cram in too much," he said. "I will stay until the end of January and see what happens then."

Caroline Gruhl, a special needs assistant in the special needs office, has worked with Mr. Deloughery. She said he is an inspiration to all students with special needs.

Motivation seminars

From Tuesday to Thursday for the next three weeks the Peer Advisory program is presenting effective study skills seminars to motivate students and make their college life easier.

The first week, starting Nov. 12 to Nov. 14, Alice Parsons, coordinator of the seminars and second-year human relations student, and her assistants, Brenda Brenner, second-year human relations student, and Rob Irvin, third-year business student, will teach how to prepare for exams and learning techniques, and give tips on how to plan ahead.

Time management will be discussed in the second week, starting Nov. 19 to Nov. 21. Students can personally assess their current use of time, identify their goals and analyze tasks before watching a 14-minute Survivors Guide to Learning video on the subject. After the video, students may discuss their problems of organizing and planning their time and how to combine study habits into their lifestyles.

Reading, notetaking and recall will be taught and discussed starting Nov. 26 to Nov. 28. Different approaches to memorizing information, reading actively, and taking notes from lectures will be discussed after watching a video.

Mature, full-time and part-time students are invited to attend during the lunch hour on these dates. Students may eat their lunches during the seminar to save time. Each week is set aside for each topic, so students can choose one day each week to attend the seminar. After viewing the videos, the group will have an open discussion about the hand-outs and the videos. Activities will help students apply the information to their daily lives to insure their year at Niagara is successful.

Seminars will be held at 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room ME112, and on Wednesdays in the Career Library. Other information will be available for specific problems students have during their school year.

Rewards for faculty

Four Niagara College faculty members will have extra vacation days as reward for early donations to the 1991 United Way campaign.

Winners were Janice Jenter, four days; Steve Celestini, three days; Julie Corriveau, two days and Lawrence Wells, one day.

The final scheduled event of the campaign for the college community is the tree planting ceremony on Friday, Nov. 8 on the college's grounds near First Avenue and Woodlawn Road.

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Horticultural Centre courtyard a student project

The Landscape and Designer program funded by the Niagara Industrial Technical Advisory Committee, is constructing a courtyard at Niagara College's Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines.

The project is a three-week placement on-site and involves work in all aspects of landscaping — from planning to planting. The committee and the Canada Employment Centre combined forces to create the program in order to fill the need for employees in various fields of landscaping. This is the first year for the program.

"We're the pioneers," said student Rick Moody, "We're all working together as one big happy family." He said that although the students have different levels of expertise, they are all learning from the basics.

"I love it," Ruth Ann Mandley said enthusiastically when asked about the project. She said she enjoys the outside work and is having "a lot of fun."

Ralph Laird, Landscape and Designer program student at the Horticultural Centre, is seen here levelling the packed gravel, prior to placing the interlocking stone at the future courtyard designed and built for the centre by the students.

Photo by Armando Barbarito

A royal following

During their recent tour of Ontario, Prince Charles and Princess Diana delighted fans and followers everywhere they went— including two Niagara College students on Saturday, Oct. 26 in Toronto.

Twenty-one-year-old Christopher Smith, vice-president of athletics and a film student in broadcasting, and 20-year-old Cathy Mellor, a first-year Travel and Tourism student, spent the day in Toronto following the prince and princess of Wales.

Their day started about 8:30 a.m. at Nathan Phillips Square with about 20,000 other people waiting to see the royals for their official welcome to Toronto. They had waited for about three hours.

Toronto mayor Art Eggleton welcomed the prince and princess while the cast from Phantom of the Opera sang both anthems, God Save the Queen and Oh, Canada.

Mr. Smith took about eight rolls of film during the day.

"I was always in with the press," Mr. Smith said. "I usually made my way to the front."

It rained all day and they had to do a lot of waiting to catch a glimpse and snap a few photos.

"Everywhere we went, we waited for about three-and-a-half to four hours and we would just see them for about two minutes," Mr. Smith said.

The two students got to shake Prince Charles' hand at one point during the day. Their escapade ended around 12 a.m. at the Royal York where the prince and princess attended a $2,500 per plate charity event with business people.

"It was kind of ironic, like Cinderella leaving the ball at midnight," Miss Mellor said. "I think it was planned."

Miss Mellor was born in Scunthorpe, England, and came to Canada when she was four years old. She is a fan of the prince and princess and wanted to go see them because she had been "following them since they got married" 10 years ago.

Both Mr. Smith and Miss Mellor were exhausted by the end of the day but said, "It was well worth it."

Toronto mayor Art Eggleton is shown here with Prince Charles and Princess Diana at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto for the official welcoming during their recent royal tour.

Photo by Christopher Smith
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International students talk

'I like Niagara College'

Stacey Bai, 28, arrived in Canada on Sept. 25 from China to enrol in the Fashion Arts program at Niagara College.

Miss Bai graduated in 1983 from a two-year Fashion Arts program at the Central Academy of Applied Arts in China. "It's different from China. In China, we payed attention to drawing skills, here they pay attention to the design ideas," Miss Bai said.

Miss Bai said she likes the fact the "history and design is combined" in the course. In China, the professors concentrated on the students' drawings and art work. She said she enjoys learning about history, different periods and comparing the different time periods to art works of today. "I like it (fashion arts) very much."

After Miss Bai graduated, she worked at the China Garments Research and Design Centre for eight years where she chose fabrics, designed and sewed clothes. "We had assistants help us sew clothes," she said.

Miss Bai is planning to work in Canada after she graduates from Niagara College. "After two years, I want to work here." She said she enjoys boarding in Welland and attending Niagara College. "I like Niagara College, it keeps me very busy."

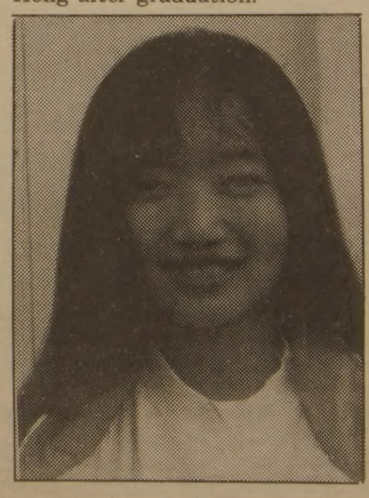
'Teacher's different'

Yua Lu came to Canada Aug. 28 to attend Niagara College. She said she wasn't sure what to expect from Canada or what subjects to take at the college.

After taking a two-year dance course at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Miss Lu decided to further her education at Niagara College. She is taking English as a Second Language until January. "It (the course) helped me a lot. In January, I'll take some more subjects, but I'll wait for Susan's advice," Miss Lu said. She spoke highly of Susan Vanderboom, English as a Second Language instructor.

"Teachers here are more kind, more energetic. They want to help you," Miss Lu said. They're "very, very different here (teachers)" from those in Hong Kong. Teachers get "angry easier in Hong Kong. It's harder to find a good teacher."

Miss Lu commutes from St. Catharines, where she boards, to Welland with a friend who drives. Although she misses Hong Kong "very much", she said she enjoys living in Canada. "I don't find any racism here," she said. Miss Lu said she's looking forward to going home for summer vacation and plans to move back to Hong Kong after graduation.



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Post secondary institutions to receive additional funds

By CINDY HARRIMAN
Staff Writer

Ontario post secondary institutions will receive an additional $110 million from the province this year. This will provide for capital renovations, construction and repairs.

Niagara College will receive $251,451 from the $32.3 million which is reserved for the Ontario colleges of applied arts and technology. Ontario universities are to recieve $77.7 million in total.

Niagara College's capital funds are lower this year because there are no current major projects, Hans van der Slagt, vice-president administration, said.

In addition to the capital funds, Niagara College received $973,000 from an anti-recession program which allocated $94 million to Ontario post-secondary institutions. The intention of the program is to help the economy with jobs.

Of the funds the college receives, $127,000 will be used for upgrading telephone systems and for providing data communications to the new Ventures portfolio.

Classroom furniture will amount to $33,000, and the library will receeive $21,000 for audio-visual equipment and to aid in computerizing the records.

Furniture for students at the Horticultural Centre, St. Catharines, will cost $12,000, and $40,000 will be used for furniture and equipment at the Ventures campus in St. Catharines for two new classrooms.

The remaining funds will provide miscellaneous pieces of equipment to the college.

"This is the first year that anti-recession money is granted, and I expect it will be a one-time grant," Mr. Van der Slagt said.

The combined capital commitments made to the universities and colleges of Ontario this year amount to nearly double that of last year.

Book sale

On Saturday, Nov. 2, the 21st annual book sale took place in the Niagara College's Welland campus cafeteria. The book sale, by the University Women's Club, brought in between 10,000 and 15,000 books. All of the proceeds go to the club and a scholarship for the college.

Photo by Shannon Stranges

Sports

Knights play rough against Conestoga

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

Ninety-three minutes in penalties. Forty minutes in fighting. Blood splattered on the ice. Coaches yelling at referees. Oh, and the Niagara Knights hockey team won.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, the Niagara Knights faced off against the Conestoga Condors in a battle of the roughest and the toughest.

As both teams took turns at rocketing the puck at the goalie, the Knights' Rob Wylde lost first. It took the team from Kitchener over eight minutes in the first period to score the game's first goal, off Fausto Pelegrino's stick. A minute later teammate Mark Kowalchuck put the Condors ahead by two.

While the Knights' John Savarie was off for the hooking, the Condors scored a powerplay goal at 10:20 to take the lead to 3-0. Forty-five seconds later, the visitors scored again to lead the Knights' 4-0.

The Knights' finally came back and scored a goal at 12:37 of the first period. Mike Duerden was unassisted as he gave the Knights' their first goal.

The Knights' scored a powerplay goal by Rick Ryan from Jason Disher after a Condor player went off for slashing. Eighteen seconds later Mike Dakin, assisted by Rob Lebedick and Tom Landry, scored to bring the Knights' within reach of the lead 4-3.

The Knights' scored a shorthanded goal at 15:54 by Jim Thorpe from Simon Wayda and Corey Favell to tie the game at four.

In the second period, both teams came out fighting. At 4:23 Landry received a five-minute fighting penalty and a game misconduct. Ryan received four minutes for roughing and slashing. The Condors' goalie, involved in the fighting, was penalized. Along with their goalie's two minute roughing penalty, Condors' players Shawn Wright and Stu Schneider were each penalized five minutes for fighting.

Three minutes later Condors' Todd Francis crosschecked Knights' Jason Disher. Francis was given a five minute penalty and Disher, two minutes for checking.

Five Knights' goals were scored during this period. Ryan from Disher, Lebedick twice unassisted, and Ryan again from Disher and Thorpe.

During the third period the Knights' destroyed the Condors both in the penalty box and in the nets.

Barely five minutes into the third period, fights took over the game as the referees lost control of the game.

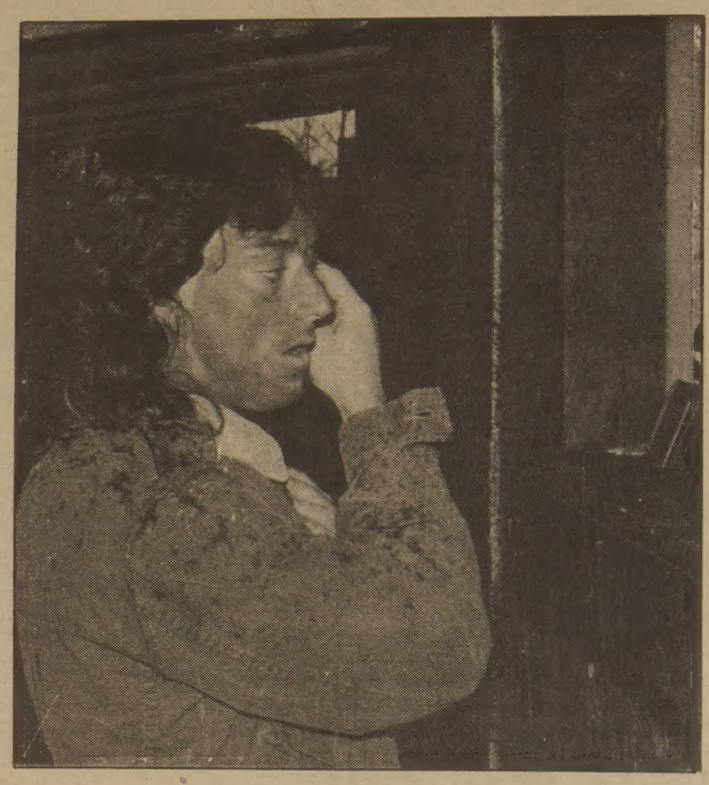
Wayda, of the Knights, was penalized two minutes for slashing, two minutes for crosschecking , a 10-minute misconduct, and a five minute fighting penalty.

His counterparts on the Condors team received 14 minutes for elbowing, fighting, and crosschecking.

The Condors made a small attempt at a comeback by scoring a powerplay goal at 7:40. The Knights responded with Savarie scoring on a Disher pass, Lebedick unassisted, and Andrew Clark from a Thorpe pass.

Previous games saw the Knights beat the University of Buffalo by a score of 12-4 on Oct. 26, in Welland. On Oct. 23, the Knights' beat Buffalo State University, in Buffalo, by a score of 12-5.

Future Knights games include a trip to Penn State University, in Pennsylvania and facing Conestoga in Kitchener. The next home game for the Knights will be Nov. 23, when they take on the University of Buffalo.



Ready for war

Darren Rachar, a computer numerical studies student at Niagara College, applies camouflage before going into splatball combat against Brock University students. Brock won this round, eight games to five, on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Photo by Jason Darrah

New events come to After Hours

After Hours is tackling its evening customer problem with Monday Night Football.

The Students Administrative Council is hoping to increase night time attendance by turning a traditionally slow evening into a Niagara College tradition.

Potential patrons will be able to see their favorite tight ends on the big screen starting Monday, Nov.11. Chris Smith, vice-president athletics, said of the plan, 'This is the start of a good thing.'

A pool tournament will be held during the game, with a nominal entrance fee and prizes for the winners.

A blood donor clinic will be held Friday, Nov. 22. Watch bulletin boards for time and place.

In the area of live entertainment, Bob Lambert appears at After Hours Wednesday, Nov. 13. Thursday, Nov. 21 sees local boys Up The Wazoo bring their peculiar brand of humor to the After Hours stage.

Oliver Stone's blockbuster film *The Doors* is slated for screening at After Hours in the near future. Details were not available at press time.

Men's volleyball team play exhibition tournament

By KARI CHWIECZAK and SHANNON STRANGES

The Niagara College men's volleyball team competed in the Redeemer Invitational in Ancaster Nov. 2 finishing second behind Conestoga College of Kitchener.

The men's team, coached by Ray Sarkis, was victorious in defeating arch rival Mohawk College two games to one, with scores of 15-8, 1-15, 15-8 to advance to the semi-finals. Todd Johnston and Rob Addy were both outstanding players as Johnston hit for 66 per cent and Addy blocked for 44 per cent.

Sudbury's Cambrian College, the division's top team, beat Niagara in the next match in two quick games. Niagara lost both games because of poor passing, Coach Sarkis said. Johnston and Dan Tiessen both hit for 42 per cent and Addy blocked for 44 per cent.

Niagara faced Toronto's Humber College in the semi-final round. Humber, which was 2-0 in the first two matches, lost to Niagara in two games, by scores of 15-11 and 15-13. Coach Sarkis said the blocks and passes were strong, as was defence and offence. Greg Heyder had 80 per cent in kills while Addy and Fernando. Colavecchia blocked for 50 per cent.

Niagara advanced to the Gold Match finals where they faced Conestoga for two games. The first game saw Niagara go ahead 11-1, but lose the game 15-10. During the second game, Niagara was again ahead 12-9, but lost 15-13. Marc Laneuville had 75 per cent hits and Heyder blocked for 71 per cent to be the game's outstanding players.

"This was the first time our guys played together," Mr. Sarkis said. "By the third match, we really began to look good and communicate well."

"If our work ethics keep up, I can see us finishing no lower than second place this year," he said.

The men's volleyball squad is in the Region 3 Men's Volleyball League, which is separate from the usual Ontario Colleges Athletic Association. "We play the regular college teams, but playing in this division means more games and experience for us too," he said.

"We travel to London once a month to play club ball, comprised of players who played high school and college volleyball and have now formed their own teams. This will help us get stronger in the long run."

The next game for the Niagara Knights men's volleyball team will be Thursday, Nov. 14.

Knights Schedule

HOCKEY — The Knights hockey team will play the Penn State Nittany Lion Icers in a Friday night game in State College, Pa. on Friday, Nov. 8. Following games include Nov. 20 at Conestoga College; Nov. 23 against the University of Buffalo; Nov. 30 against Erie Community College. All games begin at 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL — Redeemer College will be at Niagara College Nov. 14 for a 5:30 p.m. start; Nov. 16 brings Lambton College to Niagara at noon.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL — Redeemer College is in town Nov. 14 for a 7:30 p.m. start time; Nov. 19 Niagara College will travel to Georgian College at 8 p.m.; Nov. 21 the Knights will play host to Conestoga at 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL — Niagara will travel to Redeemer College for 8 p.m.; Lambton College will be at Niagara Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

Season starts

Women's team loses volleyball tournament

The Niagara College women's volleyball team began the exhibition season by losing in the consolation finals to Redeemer College at the Redeemer Invitational tournament, held at Hamilton's Mohawk College Nov. 2.

Niagara faced both Mohawk and Cambrian College in first round play. Mohawk, one of the top teams in women's volleyball, beat Niagara in two straight games by scores of 15-11 and 15-1.

Cambrian also got the best of Niagara as the Knights were defeated in two games 15-5 and 15-11.

Redeemer shot Niagara down in two close matches 15-10 and 15-5.

"Although we didn't win, the scores did not indicate how well we played," women's volleyball coach Judy Halaiko said. "We kept up with the other teams, especially in our last game against Redeemer."

The 14-member squad has two returning players for this year's team. "It's a whole new team for us, but I can see us being competitive," Coach Halaiko said. "For this past tournament, I played everyone. I even mixed different line combinations. It was good experience for me as a coach too."

The team will next see action Nov. 14 for a 5:30 p.m. start. Lambton College will be at Niagara Nov. 16 for a noon start.

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Niagara College President John Saso (Tigger, at right) shares a beverage with an unidentified Wizard couple at the Monster Mash Halloween Party held by the 25th Anniversary social committee Saturday, Oct. 26, at the main cafeteria.
Photo by Mark Denis

Anniversary Social Committee's Monster Mash a super smash

By MARK DENIS
Staff Writer

A ghoulish gala held by the 25th Anniversary Social Committee was a grave-yard smash.

Niagara College faculty and students had a frightfully good time at the Monster Mash dance, Saturday, Oct. 26, at the main cafeteria of the Welland campus.

The dance opened at 9 p.m. followed by three spot dances in which winners Bea and John Clark, Maria Topa and Gill and Barb Bilobeau received potted violets. The winners were chosen by disc jockey, John Chiocchio, a graduate of Niagara College.

Judging the rush toward the dance floor, those attending appreciated the choice of music, ranging from big band to the latest top-40.

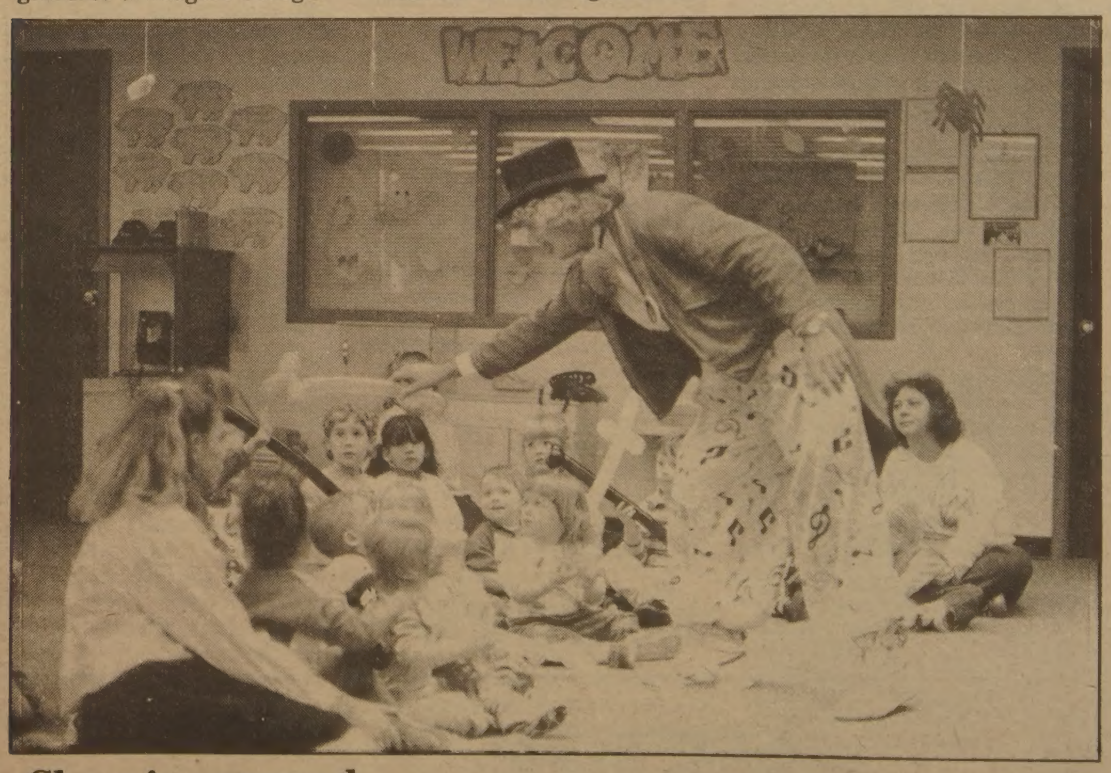
"I think that people really enjoyed themselves...the d.j. was good in getting everybody up," Joan Schwartzkopf, co-ordinator of the 25th anniversary event, said.

College President John Saso, dressed as Tigger, was among five judges who presented tickets for a dinner to be held at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. Winners were as follows: for most original costume, Rick and Betty Ann Chandler who dressed as space pumpkins; scariest costume, Frankenstein, Romeo Miani and his wife, Joanne Miani; funniest costume, Susan Hall, who dressed as Minnie Mouse.

A pumpkin carving contest, which was judged by applause, was a tie.

Sheila Cowan, secretary for the human resources, who was in charge of liquor sales, said, "there were very few students...no more than 20."

Sheila Whittaker won the door prize of two 25th anniversary dinner tickets.



Clowning around

T. J. the Clown delighted the children of Niagara College's Early Childhood Centre on Oct. 24 as he created giraffes, elephants and winged birds from balloons. He visited the campus as part of the Week of the Child held Oct. 19 to Oct. 25.
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